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(IFAD)

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1. EMBOFF GAVE TALING PAPER ON USG PERCEPTION OF OECD
CONSENSUS ON IFAD, BASED ON REFTEL A, TO R. J. MARTIN,
CHIEF, UN PROGRAMS, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DIVISION,
DEPT OF FINANCE. MARTIN TELEPHONED EMBOFF LATER TO SAY THAT
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GOC WAS IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH USG VIEWS.

2. MARTIN ALSO SAID THAT GOC WAS "NOT WILDLY ENTHUSIASTIC" ABOUT TWO RECENT PROPOSALS THAT HAD SURFACED FROM WFC SECRETARIAT. ACCORDING MARTIN, ONE PROPOSAL WAS FOR ADDING ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION TO GENERAL RULE REGARDING DIRECT LENDING TO GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER PROPOSAL WAS FOR FUND TO BEGIN OPERATIONS BEFORE ONE BILLION DOLLAR TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS WERE OBTAINED.

3. P. KILBURN, DIRECTOR, UN PROGRAMS OFFICE IN CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WHO WILL HEAD GOC DELEGATION TO JANUARY ROME MEETING, HAS NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY TALKING PAPER BUT THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MARTIN. KILBURN PROMISED TO GIVE EMBOFF FURTHER COMMENTS AT LATER DATE IF, AFTER REVIEWING TALKING PAPER, HIS REACTIONS WERE DIFFERENT THAN MARTIN'S. KILBURN ALSO SAID THAT GOC WAS OPPOSED TO WFC SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL THAT FUND BECOME OPERATIONAL BEFORE ONE BILLION DOLLARS WERE CONTRIBUTED. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY, "WHY THEN THE NEED FOR A SPECIAL FUND?"

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